



2nd May 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a happy and productive week at Rosherville. The sunshine has meant that we can make the most of our outdoor spaces. The children have continued to engage with their learning with enthusiasm, and we've enjoyed some lovely moments together both inside and outside the classroom. As always, thank you for your continued support and for being such an important part of our school community.

Celebrating Earth Day

Although Earth Day fell during our Easter break, we took the opportunity this week to celebrate and reflect on the importance of caring for our planet. The theme this year was OUR POWER, OUR PLANET, calling for everyone to unite around renewable energy so we can triple clean electricity by 2030.



Across the school, children explored environmental themes through class discussions, creative activities and outdoor learning. These moments helped us deepen our understanding of sustainability and reminded us all of the small steps we can take - both individually and as a school community - to protect our world for future generation.

Rauf Class learnt about Earth Day's theme by creating wind turbines to see how the energy is made. Mrs Henriksen was also impressed at how well the children flourished when given the opportunity to create their own renewable energy machines.





In Zephaniah class, we conducted a science experiment of soil erosion caused by deforestation. It was aimed to demonstrate how deforestation increases soil erosion. Three pots were set up with equal amounts of soil: one with leaf litter, one with bare soil (representing a deforested area) and the other with small plants (representing a forested area). Water was poured over to simulate rainfall and see how much soil was washed away. The tray without vegetation showed significantly more erosion, illustrating how plant roots help hold soil in place and prevent erosion.



Mr Easton's class, Donaldson, learnt about the effects of plastics in our oceans. They made jellyfish from paper plates and tissue paper as they focused on the fact that turtles often mistake plastic bags for their food (jelly fish) and consume them, harming themselves.



Caterers

Aspens



From the start of next term, we will be changing the company that provides our catering. Aspens Services will be providing catering for Rosherville along with the majority of schools in our Trust. We will soon be sharing the new menus with you.



Miss Hawkins

Unfortunately, we will soon be saying goodbye to a valued member of staff, Miss Hawkins, who will be moving on to join the team at St Botolph's. Her last day with us will be Friday 16th May. I'm sure, over the next few weeks you will join me in wishing her all the best. We thank her for her dedication, warmth and hard work during her time at Rosherville.

New Cable Wharf Site

The new building at Cable Wharf is coming along well. We now have two floors and the staircases are in. The roof will be completed over the coming weeks too.





Staying Safe in the Sun

As the warmer weather arrives, we kindly remind families to ensure children come to school prepared for the sun. Please send your child in with a named water bottle each day, and if necessary, a sunhat for outdoor play. On hot days, it is also important that children have sunscreen applied before they come to school. We will continue to encourage regular water breaks and use shaded areas during outdoor activities to keep everyone comfortable and safe.







Local Activity

Discover the History on Your Doorstep!  

Blueprint Arts have teamed up with local historian Christoph Bull to host two FREE guided walks exploring the fascinating history of Northfleet and Rosherville.

 Fancy learning more about where you live? Come along for an informal, fun, and informative stroll as Christoph shares stories, secrets, and surprising facts from the past!

 No booking needed — just turn up - on time! Both talks will begin at 11am sharp, so please arrive from 10:45 onwards.



FREE
Historical Guided Walks
Rosherville & Northfleet
1st & 14th June 2025

All ages welcomed!

Led by local historian, speaker, and tour guide, Christoph Bull

Rosherville - 1st June - 11am Start
Meet outside the Elephant's Head Pub, end of Pier Road

The new town and Gardens were created to make money and bring vast numbers of tourists to this part of Northfleet - it was a failed dream but there are tantalising reminders of the area's Victorian hey-day. Learn about the rise & fall of the Pleasure Gardens on this 1.5 hour guided walk & talk.

Northfleet - 14th June - 11am Start
Meet on The Hill in Northfleet

A town of great age, despite the industrial character of the streets. We will explore the history and folklore of this often forgotten town so that Northfleet can burst forth back into the modern generations' thoughts and memories as it deserves, on this 1.5 hour guided walk and talk.

- The walks will begin promptly at 11am. Christoph will be at the start location from 10:45 to greet you -



As we look ahead to Term 6, we are hoping to expand our after - school club provision and would love to draw on the talents within our school community. If you have a skill or area of expertise - such as art, crafts, gardening, music, sport, or something else entirely - that you might be willing to share with the children and can spare the time to deliver an after school club, we would be delighted to hear from you. All volunteers would need to complete a DBS check, but at this stage we are simply gathering interest and ideas. Please contact the school office if you might be able to help.



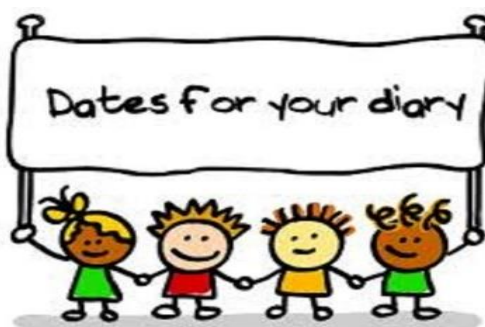
Attendance

At Rosherville, we place great importance on excellent attendance and punctuality, as both play a key part in supporting every child's learning and progress. To encourage and celebrate this, we run a reward system that allows children to earn points and choose prizes as a result of their efforts. Our class attendance figures for this week are:



<u>1st</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>5th</u>	<u>6th</u>
Dahl	Zephaniah	Morpurgo	Rauf	Donaldson	Dr. Seuss
97.22%	97.22%	96.11%	95.3%	86.21%	84.31%

Term Dates



<u>Term 5</u>	
<u>Friday 9th May</u>	<u>VE Day celebrations (more details to follow shortly)</u>
<u>Monday 12th – Thursday 15th May</u>	<u>Year 6 SATs week</u>
<u>Thursday 15th May</u>	<u>Year 5 visit to Gravesend Mosque</u>
<u>Friday 23rd May</u>	<u>End of Term 5</u>



Term 5 Activities

The timetable for Forest School and Swimming for Term 5 is shown below:

<u>PE timetable Term 5</u>	<u>Class</u>
<u>Monday</u>	<u>Morpurgo, Zephaniah and Donaldson</u>
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Dahl, Rauf and Seuss</u>
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Donaldson</u>

<u>Forest School Term 5</u>	<u>Class</u>
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Zephaniah</u> <u>Seuss</u> <u>Rauf</u> <u>Morpurgo</u>

<u>Swimming Term 5</u>	<u>Class</u>
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Year 3</u> <u>Zephaniah</u>

Important Dates

Bank Holiday - Monday 5th May 2025

Year 6 SAT's – Monday 12th May to Thursday 15th May 2025

Year 6 Residential – 6th to 9th June 2025

Have a great Bank Holiday weekend and let's hope this lovely weather continues!

Yours faithfully

Mrs Martin
Headteacher